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“Whitestone, a Perfect Place to Live, Work and Play”

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A message from the Council of the Municipality of Whitestone

Once again this year the Canada Day fireworks were a great success. Thanks to all those that helped make it happen with a special thank you to Lee Teske (29 years and counting) and Peter McEwen and Brock Armstrong for assisting Lee.

We are sure that most ratepayers in the Municipality of Whitestone are aware of the ongoing efforts that Municipal staff and Council have made to reduce the amount of garbage that ends up in our landfill site. If you are not recycling we ask you to start, if you have questions on how, or what is allowed to be recycled speak with the Municipal Landfill Attendants at the site and they will be more than pleased to assist you in your recycling process. We all have a responsibility for recycling. The waste that can be recycled expands the life span of landfill sites and is in everyone's best interest, environmentally and economically.

We have been working diligently to complete a wide variety of projects this year. With over a million dollars in extra grant monies this year projects such as the reconstruction of the Bunny Trail, Dunchurch Hall and Pavilion renovations, establishing fitness trails and the purchase of emergency management generators are becoming a reality. Federal and Provincial Funding received are as follows:
Building Canada Fund - \$ 926,122.00 - Bunny Trail Reconstruction; Celebrate Canada - \$ 2,000.00 - Fireworks Display; Recreational Infrastructure - \$ 11,000.00 - Heated Change Room Trailer; Recreational Infrastructure - \$ 40,000.00 - 2 Fitness/Walking Trails;

Infrastructure Stimulus - \$33,332.00 - Dunchurch Hall Renovations; JEPP - \$4,374.00 - Propane Generators; Recreational Infrastructure - \$ 95,332.00 - Dunchurch Hall & Pavilion Renovations

The current York Street Landfill Site expansion plan, which has been approved by the Ministry of Environment, is in the process of being tendered. This expansion which was included in this years' budget, is being financed by funds previously set aside in reserve for this endeavour.

Up until now Council has only received less than five replies to our draft resolution for un-assumed roads. Check out the draft resolution on our website and submitting your views to council on or before September 14th would be greatly appreciated. We all hope that your summer is enjoyable and look forward to seeing you at this years' Agricultural Society's Fall Fair Aug. 21st & 22nd.

Sincerely
The Mayor and Members of Council

No Entry to Landfill Sites After Hours

After several years of ongoing debate surrounding a variety of issues related to 24/7 access to our landfill sites including illegal dumping and the number of bears, which pose a safety issue to people particularly when landfill attendants are not on site. Council has made a decision to close entry to the York St. and Auld's Rd. landfill sites after regular hours. It is the correct thing to do environmentally and to protect citizens. On July 21st, 2009 Council passed the following resolution:

Whereas the materials accepted for disposal at the landfill sites falls under the direct mandate of the Municipality and the only feasible control system is to have landfill site attendants present when the landfill site is open for public access;

Therefore Let It Be Resolved that the Council of the Municipality of Whitestone hereby directs the Facilities Manager to arrange for proper gating and fencing, subject to acceptable costing, to ensure that access to landfill sites only be permitted when an attendant is present during regular hours of operation;

And Further that By-Law No. 15-2005 be amended to indicate a trespass fee of \$500.00 for unauthorized admittance to the landfill sites other than posted hours of access, with appropriate signage being placed in conspicuous locations;

And Further that Council authorizes the Facilities Manager to install security cameras at the Auld's Road and York Street Landfill Sites, with costs not to exceed the authorized spending limit.

Please note that these new regulations will take effect this Fall and there will be NO walk-in access after hours.

Landfill hours of operation can be found on the back side of this newsletter.



Award Nominations

Council is pleased to announce the following nominations:
 Jane Bottrell—Therese Casgrain—Lifelong Commitment Award
 Devina Crisp—Ontario Senior of the Year (pictured above)
 Wayne Heels—Ontario Senior Achievement
 Melissa Whitman—Therese Casgrain—Youth Participation Award

Recreation

The **Walk Fit** program will resume in the Fall starting Wednesday, September 9th every Monday, Wednesday and Friday.
 Mark your calendar now for our 2nd **Annual Christmas Craft Sale** Friday, November 20th and Saturday November 21st.
 The **Thrift Shop** is open through July & August, Friday, Saturday & Sunday 10:00 am - 2:00 pm. And, through September and October, Saturday & Sunday 10:00 am - 2:00 pm. **Note: The Thrift Shop will be closed Saturday, August 22nd for the Fall Fair.**
 With the end of our first season, the organizers of the **Women’s Wellness Program** would like to thank the presenters and the participants for making this a success. We hope to see you “out and about” again in the fall. Stay tuned for dates and times of the start-up. Have a great summer.

Library News

Whitstone-Hagerman Public Library will be hosting 2 preschool story hours this summer. The July session is called “Come Puddle Jumping”. This interactive workshop will explore the wonders of a rainy day and will be held July 23rd @ 11:00 am. The August session is called “Oliver’s Fruit Salad” and was created to celebrate Healthy Eating Habits. This one will be held on August 18th @ 11:00 am. Stop by or call the library @ 705-389-3311 for further information. Also we have a new genealogy database available for family history searches. It’s called ancestrylibrary.com and is available on library computers. Come find out more about your family tree.

Library Hours

Tuesday 12 noon - 8:00 pm
 Wednesday 12 noon - 5:00 pm
 Thursday 10:00 am - 5:00 pm
 Saturday 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Fire Department Please remember to put camp fires dead out before leaving. Also there is no daytime burning permitted without a special permit and that all fires are required to have a burning permit. These permits are free of charge and available throughout the Municipality. Incinerator permits can be obtained by contacting Kathy Whitman at 389-3302 or Margaret Hardwick at 389-3704. Thanks for helping to keep our area forest fire free. Kathy Whitman, Fire Prevention Officer

Boat Launches

Please be reminded that each boat launch within the Municipality of Whitstone is used by several ratepayers. We ask that you respect the launch sites and refrain from littering, and cluttering up the areas in which you use.
 Also please be reminded that each site is maintained by the Municipality and all boats, motor vehicles and trailers must be parked in such a manner to allow for such maintenance and access to the boat launch itself.
 Remember to wash your boat when transferring from one water body to another to avoid invasive species.

By-Law Enforcement

- Clean Yards** - Residents are reminded about By-Law No. 34-2000 pertaining to property clean ups.
 - Trailers** - Please be reminded that By-Law 25-2001 outlines restrictions for trailers within the Municipality of Whitstone.
 - Dogs** - As per By-law 35-2005, without a tag, your dog will be turned in to the Animal Shelter in Parry Sound who will impose fees to the owner if it is found running at large in addition to \$125.00 fine.
 - Fuel Powered Generators** - Council wishes to remind seasonal and permanent residents to respect your neighbours rights. We recommend that their use be limited to daylight hours, or alternately, erecting a noise dampering structure to eliminate all noise that could reach neighbouring properties as per By-Law No. 32-2000.
 - Noise** - Fines for noise violations has been increased to \$200.00 for 2009.
 - Building** - Any building without a permit is in contravention of By-Law No. 30-2005 and the Building Code Act S.O. 1992 Section 8-(1). Residents are encouraged to make an anonymous call and include address of construction site to report any contraventions.
- 705-389-2466 Extension 45**
All by-laws will be strictly enforced.

Landfill Hours

Spring, Summer & Fall (May Long Weekend—Thanksgiving)
 Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday & Sunday 10:00 am - 5:00 pm
 Holiday Monday 10:00 am - 5:00 pm
Winter Hours (Thanksgiving Weekend—May Long Weekend)
 Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday 12 noon - 5:00 pm

What’s Happening????

- Royal Canadian Legion**
 Bid Euchre - Mondays @ 7:30 pm
 Euchre - Tuesdays @ 7:00 pm & Saturdays @ 1:30 pm
 Cribbage - Thursdays @ 7:30 pm
 Darts - Fridays @ 8:00 pm
 Meat Draws - 1st & 3rd Saturday @ 4:00 pm followed by horse races
- Dunchurch Agricultural Society**
 Fall Fair - Friday, August 21st & Saturday, August 22nd
- Hagerman Ratepayers Association**
 Bingo every Wednesday @ 7:00 pm
- Whitstone Hagerman Public Library**
 Annual Book Sale August 22nd 8:00am-1:00 pm